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TALKS ON FAMINE RELIEF TO BE HELD IN PEKING

Soviet troops reported in Kweilin

An unconfirmed vernacular report yesterday said that some 1,000 Soviet troops had arrived at Kweilin in Kwangsi.

The "New Life Evening Post," publishing the report, said that the troops are to assist the Chinese Communists in the invasion of Hainan Island.

This is the first time that the presence of Russian troops in Kweilin has been reported.

Malayan 'war cabinet' formed

Kuala Lumpur, April 17. Britain's new Director of Operations against the guerrillas in Malaya, Lieutenant General Sir Harold Rawdon Briggs, today announced the formation of a Malayan "War Cabinet," which he claimed would strike at the roots of Communism in Malaya.

General Briggs, who arrived in the Federation capital on April 6, denied widespread criticism that he had insufficient power over the police, Army, Air Force and Navy to meet the emergency terrorist situation.

He said: "I am not complete liberty to order anything I require, subject to the Federation High Commissioner, Sir Henry Gurney."

He said that there was no immediate plan to call in more troops or order martial law.

General Briggs was addressing foreign correspondents and editors from all parts of Malaya. He said his "War Cabinet" was fully agreed on a policy against an estimated 3,000 to 5,000 terrorists now active throughout the Federation.

The "War Cabinet" was now working out detailed plans. It hoped to clear areas of terrorists, move in administration to stabilize those areas, then move troops on to other areas.

General Briggs said he would not commit himself to how long it would take to end the emergency.

Australian aid

Meanwhile, in Sydney, the Australian Prime Minister, Mr. Robert G. Menzies, said today Australia would give "serious consideration" to any request from Britain for aid in the anti-bandit fighting in Malaya, adds United Press.

Mr. Menzies told a Press conference, however, that his Government would not make any commitments at this time because no formal request has been made.

He parried a question about the use of the Royal Australian Air Force in Malaya, saying: "Our job is to assist in the establishment of stable governments in Indonesia, Malaya and Burma."

He said: "Putting it bluntly we are interested in resistance to Communism."—Reuter and United Press.

SHOOTING IN MACASSAR

Jakarta, April 17. Sporadic shooting broke out last night as the populace waited for the promised offensive by US federal troops to oust East Indonesian rebels.

No casualties were reported. The outlaw forces of Captain Andi Abdul Aziz, who have held this port city in the Celebes for nearly two weeks, have restricted their armed patrols. State police are standing guard over Government buildings and other key points.—Associated Press.

THE WEATHER

At 0600 GMT (4 p.m. HKST) a winter anti-cyclone covers the Pacific East of the Loochou and a shallow depression is moving Eastwards across Korea. Pressure is low over Northern Indo-China.

Today's Forecast: Light variable or SE winds. Unsettled with rain. Misty conditions, and mist for at least two hours, mainly during the day.

Tomorrow's Weather: Light variable winds.

Minimum: 15.4 deg. F.

Maximum: 17.4 deg. F.

Humidity: 12 hours.

Rainfall: 8.8 mm. 0.98 in. Total since Jan 1-184.7 mm. 2.18 in.

Against an average of 21.0 in. 2.30 in.

Wind direction: 100 deg. 10.6 m.

Wind speed: 10.6 m.

Wind gust: 10.6 m.

Wind direction: 100 deg. 10.6 m.

Representatives of foreign organisations invited

REPLY TO HK APPROACH

The Shanghai branch of the National Christian Council informed Hong Kong Church and international welfare organisations that representatives of foreign Christian organisations have been invited by Peking to attend famine relief talks in Peking on April 20.

The message, which was in reply to previous telegraphic inquiries to Peking and Shanghai, did not indicate whether European representatives of foreign organisations were invited.

However, a high church official in Hong Kong said yesterday that he was certain that the invitations would include some European representatives already in Shanghai and Peking.

Tanker loaded with aviation petrol burns in Singapore harbour

Singapore, April 17.

Fire killed two Indonesians when an explosion last night set the British tanker, Lingula, loaded with a million gallons of aviation petrol, ablaze at Pulau Sambao Island.

Ten men were seriously hurt and 10 sailors from the 6,445-ton ship were missing this morning, but some of these, it was thought, might be on shore leave.

Five non-swimmers in the Lingula managed to lower a boat and picked up a number of their fellows from the sea. The two dead were Indonesian wharf workers. Their bodies were found, terribly burned, in the tanker.

The oil tanks on Pulau Sambao are rated as the world's second largest oil installation.

Two Europeans were among the seriously injured. Four others were Indonesian employees of the Anglo-Saxon Oil Company.

The tanker, newly arrived from the Persian Gulf, was discharging 8,000 tons of aviation petrol last night when, according to eye-witnesses, an explosion occurred on Pulau Sambao Island.

Fire darted both ways to the sister ships, the Donella and Dolabella berthed near the Lingula when the fire broke out. Both ships pulled away from the wharf immediately.

Towed from wharf

When a Singapore Harbour fire-fighting ship, the Grifer, arrived off the island it found the tanker burning furiously amidships. The tanker was towed away from the wharf to a safe distance from the Straits, a safe distance from

HK women civil servants' appeal for equal pay is rejected by Colonial office

The Colonial Office in London has rejected an appeal submitted by the women civil servants in Hong Kong for equal pay with the men, it was learned last night.

They appealed in the first instance to the Colonial Secretary and requested him to convey their case to the Governor who would in turn inform the Secretary of State for Colonies.

The rejection reached Hong Kong a few days ago, and news of it was immediately conveyed to all signatories of the appeal.

It is understood that further representations will be made both to Government here and to the Colonial Office in London to correct the question of pay for women civil servants. It is as believed by the people concerned that there is no justification for discrimination in salaries.

The committee representing the women civil servants, after a month of negotiations with the Colonial Office, has decided to take its case to the Secretary of State for Colonies.

The rejection eliminated any chance of a compromise, and

This is the first time that foreign representatives have been invited by Peking to participate in famine relief discussions.

The invitations, which were apparently issued late last week, came shortly before a 4,000 word analysis by the Vice-Premier, Chen Yun on the famine situation, which he said affected 40,000,000 Chinese.

Chen's statement contradicted semi-official Communist denials that the famine was seriously affecting China, though Chen still maintained that the People's Government had a grain surplus of more than 4,000,000 tons.

Whether the participation of foreign representatives in the conference means that the Peking Government would favourably consider the possibility of accepting aid from Western Nations, or not, is not known here.

Famine said intensifying

However, Chinese reports indicate that the blazes at the hillside tank was brought well under control by daylight. If the tanker is allowed to burn itself out, there will be a column of black smoke against the Singapore skyline for five or six days.

There were two 12,000-ton sister ships, the Donella and Dolabella berthed near the Lingula when the fire broke out. Both ships pulled away from the wharf immediately.

When the order came to abandon ship, the tanker's crew had to jump into the sea. One Scottish seaman said: "It was impossible to jump on to the ship as the flames barred our path—our only escape was on the seaward side."

Boats and launches from shore and ships went looking for survivors and found most of them by shooting. Fourteen, however, swam out to Balakang Pudang Island, half a mile away, where they were provided with tea, clothes and cigarettes at the police post.—Reuter.

Estimates of the number of people likely to die within the next three months if no immediate aid is given, vary from 8,000,000 to 15,000,000.

One welfare representative said yesterday: "All we can do now is to hope and pray that Peking accepts foreign aid, if it is necessary, and listen to the voices of millions of starving people."

No political questions

"They will find that our organisations will not ask political questions before giving a helping hand."

In the United States many public and private figures have come out for sending aid to China. Even Senator William Knowland of California, a fervent anti-Communist, has advocated that the United States send aid to China.

The Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, said that aid would be considered under certain conditions, including the condition that the famine victims are told the source of the aid.

Chiang Kai-shek announced a world-wide appeal for aid to the famine area three weeks ago, and has sent Nationalist air force planes to the famine area dropping bags of rice to the victims. However, the Nationalists claimed yesterday that they had not received any aid.

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Demonstration in Macassar



Carrying blunt bamboo spears, symbolic of revolution, students march in a demonstration in Macassar, East Indonesia. The demonstrators demanded dissolution of the formerly Dutch-sponsored state of East Indonesia and affiliation with the infant Republic of the United States of Indonesia. The banner reads: "Dissolve East Indonesia—make it republican." The East Indonesian Government recently banned a counter demonstration when violence threatened.—(A.P. Photo).

Cabinet gets budget preview

Big Hainan invasion fleet repulsed

Haihow, April 17. An invasion fleet numbering 260 junks was repulsed near Linkao last night, it was learned here today.

Thousands of the invaders were killed and hundreds captured. Fifty of the junks were sunk.

The invaders were estimated to number 15,000 men. Mopping up is continuing.

More Nationalist warships arrived at Hainan from Taiwan yesterday.

Press reports from Kwangtung said Nationalist guerrillas had established strong bases in different localities and were trying to co-ordinate their activities.

Six hundred Communist troops were stated to have suffered severe losses in a recent 24-hour engagement South West of Canton.

In another clash in the same general area, the guerrillas claimed they killed 72 Reds and captured six machine-guns and 27 rifles.

The strength of Nationalist guerrilla forces in Hunan Province was also reported to be growing, one despatch placing their total number at 100,000 men. Associated Press.

U.S. VOLUNTEERS FOR TAIWAN

Washington, April 16. Mr. Joseph Ku, First Secretary of the Chinese Embassy, today described the report from Taiwan that 4,000 Americans have volunteered for military service with the Chinese Nationalists as "substantially correct." He said most of the applicants were veterans of "people who just want to fight Communism."—United Press.

Regarding the question of British ships being held by the Nationalists—the Caduceus and the Ethel Moller—Mr. Allen said: "I only discuss shipping matters with the Consulate and therefore will not bring up the matter with the Nationalist authorities."

Mr. Allen said his visit to Taipeh was of a routine nature. It is understood that the British Consulate is the official channel dealing with the Taiwan Provincial Government on British shipping interests.—Reuter.

The tanks, the reports said, were being shipped through China by rail, a big consignment already having passed Shanghai in transit.

Reports from different sources, meanwhile, continued to speak of intensive Communist preparations for invasion of Hainan.

The Reds were stated to be commanding all kinds of craft from wooden junks to ocean-going ships, for the coming attack.

Lulchow Peninsula, opposite Hainan Island, was portrayed as a hive of military activity, with Russian advisers in a prominent role.

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Manila, April 17. President Elpidio Quirino has set May 26 as the date for opening a three-day "organisational conference" of South East Asia and Western Pacific nations at Baguio.

The President said that approximately 150 delegates and other personnel are expected for the conference which will be the first international meeting ever held under the auspices of the Republic of the Philippines.

No further details of the scope of the conference were made public. The United Nations General Assembly President, Mr. Carlos P. Romulo, is flying back to Lake Success tomorrow with instructions to make further contacts with interested nations on the general scope of the problems to be considered.

Officially proposed a year ago by President Quirino to resist South East Asia Union to resist Communist aggression, the aims of the proposed conference have been undergoing various changes.

Nationalist China's President Chiang Kai-shek and Dr. Syngman Rhee, President of the Republic of South Korea, first answered President Quirino's call with positive proposals for military alliance. After Chiang fled to Taiwan and the United States published its White Paper on China, President Quirino later organized a cultural, economic and political union of non-Communist nations. At one point, he said the Philippines was not interested in the anti-Communist movement.

Later, after the Australian External Affairs Minister, Mr. Percy Spender, said that a Pacific counterpart of the Alliance Pact needed to halt "imperialist Communism," President Quirino left the door open for such matters to be discussed at Baguio.—Associated Press.

Allen not contacting KMT officials

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By Order of the Board of Directors,
JOHNSON, STOKES & MASTER,
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Registers of Transfer and Members of the Company will be closed from Friday, 21st April, 1950, to Friday, 28th April, 1950, both dates inclusive.

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Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the 5th Race Meeting to be held on Saturday 29th April, 1950, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Telephone House; the Club House, Happy Valley; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Thursday, 20th April, 1950.

By Order
S. A. SLEAP,
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Any persons witnessing the accident, or who can give information regarding the accident are asked to communicate with Traffic Office, Kowloon. Telephone Numbers 50735, 58029 and 50114, or with any other Police Stations.

COMMISSIONER OF POLICE.

April 11, 1950.

POLICE NOTICE

On Friday, April 7, 1950, at 7 p.m. at Tsun Wan Village, Castle Peak Road, a Chinese male was knocked down by military ambulance No. 124492, and received fatal injuries.

Any persons witnessing the accident, or who can give information regarding the accident are asked to communicate with Traffic Office, Kowloon. Telephone Numbers 50735, 58029 and 50114, or with any other Police Stations.

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MARINE DEPARTMENT NOTICE NO. 4 OF 1950

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PERSONAL DISPUTE THREAT TO MENZIES

A feud between the Speaker of the house and King George VI's personal representative in Australia threatens the Menzies-Fadden Government with an embarrassing, dramatic situation on April 19 when Parliament resumes after an Easter recess.

The Labour Party opposition threatens to introduce a motion censuring the Speaker, Archie Cameron, an unpredictable individualist with Scottish Highlander blood, for an attack on the Governor-General, William McKell on March 30.

The dispute not only brings up the question of who should be appointed to that job. Labour and many of the more nationalist-minded Conservatives think an Australian should be Governor-General. The Conservatives in the past bitterly contended that it should go to an Englishman, who would be free from the hurly-burly of local politics. With two exceptions, Englishmen, all titled ones, have held the job.

The Chifley Labour Government in 1947 appointed Mr. McKell, who began life as a lowly boilermaker's apprentice, and who was Premier of New South Wales. The Scullin Labour regime first broke with imperial tradition with appointment of Sir Isaac Isaacs, a distinguished Australian jurist, in 1931. Sir Isaac

MANY DEAD IN HOUSE COLLAPSE

Tel Aviv, April 16. A four-storey building housing some 80 persons collapsed tonight in Jaffa. Six persons are known to be dead. Many others are believed to have been crushed to death beneath the debris.

Rescue workers dug into the wreckage and thus far have brought out 20 injured, most of them in serious condition. Rescue operations are proceeding.

The exact number of casualties is not expected to be known for some time.

The building was occupied by families of ex-Servicemen from the Israel Army. It was originally two stories high, but the previous owner added two more floors. It is believed that the foundations gave way.

An acute housing shortage exists in Israel.

This was the second such accident in Jaffa recently. Four sisters were killed last December 26 when their home collapsed after 24 hours of torrential rains and floods.—Associated Press.

APPOINTMENT TO MISSION IN U.S.

London, April 17. Vice-Admiral The Honourable Cyril Eustace Douglas-Pennant has been appointed to the British Joint Services Mission in Washington. The Admiralty announced today. He succeeds Admiral Sir Frederick Dalrymple-Hamilton.

In 1944 he became Chief Naval Staff Officer and Deputy Chief of Staff to the Supreme Allied Commander in South East Asia. Until last month he was Flag Officer (Air) and Second-in-Command of the Mediterranean Station.—Reuter.

PARIS WORKERS RELEASED

Paris, April 17. Paris police headquarters today released all but eight of 173 workers arrested during the night in a battle for the possession of a large nationalised aircraft parts factory in the South of the city. The eight detained people were stated to be "not employees of the factory."

A demonstration called this morning by the Action Committee at the factory did not materialise, the police said.—Reuter.

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How it arose

"I regret that this type of atmosphere should rest around a representative of the Crown," Mr. Menzies said. "This discussion does nothing but harm. If this debate continues there will be

enormous heat engendered and it will do harm to the office of the Governor-General and to the Parliament." He then gagged the debate.

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CHANGING ECONOMIC ORDER

Change is no remedy of itself. It falls into two types—change for the sake of change under the urge of theory, and change dictated by the sole consideration of practical improvement. Communist change belongs to the first category and American change—technological advance and mass production—to the other. Too often the first of these represents a change for the worse. True, it wipes out the capitalists, but creates a privileged political class without in any way improving the lot of the common people. Russia and the United States still stand for the two extremes of economic condition among the modern States.

During the recent exchange of Notes on the rate of the Russian rouble, the British Government pointed out that the price of white bread in Britain is 6½d a kilo compared with five roubles (8/9d) in Russia. Sugar in Britain is 1½d a kilo and in Russia it is more than 20 times as much. Potatoes cost nearly nine times as much as in Britain, eggs 16 times as much, butter 20 times as much and tea about 30 times as much. These disparities apply also to rents, travel and fuel. An ideal designed sincerely enough by its authors and its believers to uplift the common people and remove great inequalities, succeeds in practice only in reducing all except the privileged officials to a common level of harassed and persistent poverty.

Many people who have recently left China have commented on the effect upon the Chinese of the rush to the shops of the New Russians. It is hardly true to say they came in rags, but they were certainly down-at-heels, especially the women. They are paid in United States dollars, and in the North at any rate they bought their suits and dresses and other articles of clothing in American stores. The prices they were ready to pay were quite fantastic. One tailor, questioned by our informant on the matter, admitted he charged them U.S.\$250 a suit. It was paid without a protest. The truth is that decent clothes, except uniforms, are unprocured in Russia, and if they were, they would probably be more expensive even than the price mentioned.

One of the topics banned in China today is private enterprise. A merchant told us the other day that when he tried to show how certain measures in that direction would be more profitable, the official brought the discussion to an immediate close. And coupled with this devotion to the Marxist doctrine is a refusal to attribute any of the blame, if things go wrong, to the system itself.

The Peking "People's Daily" blames the Imperialist Powers, the landlords and the bureaucratic capitalists for the present chaotic economic conditions in China, especially in the big cities like Shanghai. Undoubtedly there is a certain justification for this excuse, since the

Yesterdays article was about the more or less forgotten theories of Sir H. J. Mackinder on the struggle between the "Heartland" of Europe and Asia, and the maritime countries of the "Rimland".

Mackinder threw out in his writings a great many other ideas which shine a revealing light on our own times. It would be a good thing if these ideas were taken out and examined from time to time.

One of his central concepts in writing about politics was that of the "Going Concern". In his book "Democratic Ideals and Reality" which was published in 1918, he describes the Going Concern as follows:

"Society is a going concern. Society reposes on the fact that man is a creature of habit. By interlocking the various habits of any men, society obtains a structure which may be compared with that of a running machine. Let any one try to realise what would happen to himself if all those on whom he depends—the postmen, railwaymen, butchers, bakers, printers and very many others—were suddenly to vary their settled habits and routine; he will then begin to appreciate in how great a degree the power of modern man over nature is due to the fact that society is a going concern. Stop the running long enough to allow men's habits outside with one another, and society would quickly run down to the simple reality of control by nature. Vast numbers would die in consequence."

What does this mean? The organisation of society, on which everybody's well-being depends, results more from men's inherited habits, traditions and customs than from planning or regulation by government. But Mackinder was not an out-and-out anti-planner. In fact in his own day he wanted far more planning than was then regarded as desirable. Though he was a Liberal, he criticised the liberalism of his day because he thought it left things uncontrolled. But he did emphasise that the raw material on which planning was to operate was the "Going Concern" of society, and that this Going Concern had an immense momentum of its own, quite apart from government.

Different types

Next, Mackinder described the different types of people who in the course of the history of different countries have operated on, and modified, the Going Concern. Over considerable tracts of time in human history there has, it is true, been little modification. The Going Concern has run itself, with little change taking place. The managers of the Going Concern, those who at such times of stability keep it ticking over, are the Administrators.

Of them, Mackinder says, "In the work of the Administrator, pure and simple, there is no idea of progress. Given a certain organisation, efficiency is his ideal—perfect smoothness of working. His characteristic disease is Red

blockade of a great port-like Shanghai would create a crisis whatever the regime. But it would have been nothing like as bad as it is if the authorities had been less exacting in their demands and more enterprising in supplying raw materials from the interior to keep industry going. Indeed, so rapacious have been the demands, both in taxation and in compulsory contributions to the so-called Victory Bonds, that there would have been a crisis even without the blockade.

Under the Common Programme private enterprise was to have been given a fair chance, at least until the transition period to full Socialism was over. Actually the Communists appear to be going full speed ahead on the maximum programme already; taxation appears to be designed both for revenue and for expropriation; and the pace set is causing alarm not far from panic among those most affected. In the early days of the Bolshevik Revolution the same reckless pace brought about so severe a crisis that Lenin himself had to put the machine in reverse and introduce what he called the New Economic Policy to prevent a complete collapse of economy.

The phase was merely a strategic retreat, and it was replaced later on by the first Five Year Plan. But after many of these plans—and, to be honest about it, after a great and devastating war—the condition of the Russian people is as poor as ever. And it wasn't very much better even before the war. What is incomprehensible is that this has so little influence on the passionate faith of the new devotees of Marx in Asia.

American business interests are not missing any of these details. They have worked hard to give

Tape." The perfect example of Mackinder's administrator was, say, the Chinese mandarin in the Ming dynasty or Manchu dynasty. But there are times, such as our own, when the Going Concern undergoes change. Revolutions such as we have known in our time means simply that vast num-

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BIDAUT PROPOSES ATLANTIC DEFENCE, ECONOMIC COUNCIL

Lyons, April 16.

The Prime Minister of France, Georges Bidault, today proposed the establishment of an international executive council to deal with defence and economic problems of the Atlantic community.

M. Bidault proposed the creation of an Atlantic High Council for Peace in the name of the French Government at a banquet speech in the City Hall here. He hoped the Council would be able to extend its powers to the political domain.

MOSCOW SEES A JAP NAVY

Moscow, April 16.

"Pravda," organ of the Soviet Communist party, asserted today that all 27 of the lend lease frigates which the Soviet Union returned to the U.S. Government last year have been turned over to the Japanese to form the nucleus of a resurrected Japanese Navy.

"Pravda's" source of information was a Tass despatch from Shanghai which said the frigates were being commanded by Japanese Rear-Admiral Komura.

In Washington, the Navy denied flatly that any of the 27 frigates returned by the Russians have been turned over to Japan.

It denied further that any ships have been turned over to the Japanese with military equipment or for any military purpose.

A Navy spokesman said the 27 frigates were delivered to U.S. authorities by the Russians at Yokosuka, Japan, and as of noon on Saturday, they were still there with no disposition ordered.

Title is in the U.S. Navy, he said. The spokesman said a few tank landing ships, demilitarised, are the closest thing to fighting craft which the Japanese have obtained here. The LSTs are being used for cargo carrying and in repatriation of Japanese from lands the nation no longer controls. Those carry Japanese crews but the U.S. still holds title.

(A few smaller vessels have been loaned to the Japanese to help revive their fishing industry.) — Associated Press.

PATEL'S VISIT TO CALCUTTA

Calcutta, April 16.

Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Home Minister of India, arrived in Calcutta today for a five-day discussion with local Government Ministers and Congressional leaders on implementing the Indian-Pakistan communal peace pact. The main purpose of Mr. Patel's visit appeared to be to stir up enthusiasm for the new agreement in West Bengal, where there is danger of indifference, due to the resignations from the Indian Government of the Bengal Ministers, Shyamaprasad Mookherjee and Kshilish Chandra Neogy.

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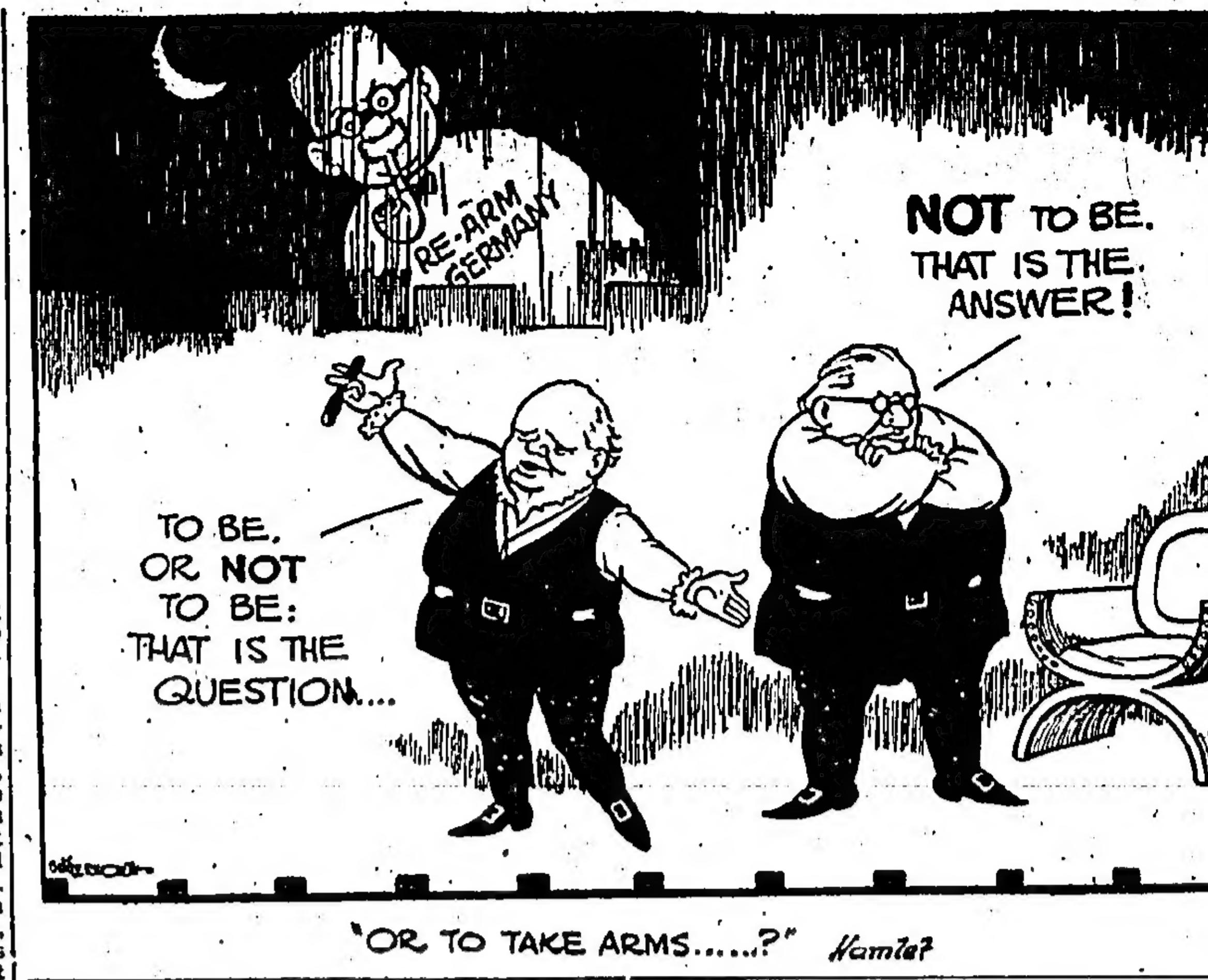
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POOR OUTLOOK FOR THE SYDNEY TALKS

London, April 16.

The outlook is not too good for the Commonwealth conference on aid to South East Asia which is to be held in Sydney beginning on May 10, diplomatic observers here said today. For one thing, they point out, the hard-pressed Labour Government in Britain cannot spare a high-level Minister as its representative, for it needs the vote of every Minister.

According to the report, the scheme provides for credit agreements among the Asiatic countries largely under American direction and with the dollar as common currency.

The two MacDonalds and their colleagues from Australia, New Zealand, India, Pakistan and Ceylon will have to study this carefully for it means at bottom an extension of the "cold war" to countries staggering under "hot" wars.

Basic difficulty

But the fundamental difficulty of the Sydney conference is that it pretends to be one thing while actually it is something quite different.

It is much less a conference to discuss aid to South East Asia than it is a conference to discuss just how South East Asia can be made to continue its aid to the Commonwealth by supplying goods which Empire businesses sell for much-needed dollars.

This is why in the United Kingdom delegation to Sydney next month there will be exports from the Board of Trade and the Treasury as well as from the Foreign Office and the Commonwealth Relations Office. They are most certainly less interested in the American "master plan" than they are in recovering, on behalf of British and local Chinese businesses their old position in the rest of the countries. Sydney may evolve a plan but it seems unlikely to be adopted without months of consideration. — United Press.

Master plan

These are American dollars but their political, economic and social effect are bound to occupy a large part of the Commonwealth discussion in Sydney next month.

Britain's post-war expenditures from public funds in South East Asia included a grant of some £80,000,000 to Malaya and of £50,000,000 odd to Burma plus an unknown proportion of annual military expenditure which last year reached £760,000,000.

While the conference is trying to guess how much more can be spent in South East Asia, the American State Department is reported to be studying a scheme under which the entire Asian pattern is to be definitely fixed. An American "master plan" in which Japan is to be converted into the workshop of the Pacific for the construction of industrial goods with other countries continuing to supply raw materials.

U.S. PURCHASES OF NEW PLANES

Washington, April 16.

The U.S. Air Force has placed orders for about 1,250 new planes, valued at more than US\$1,000,000,000, during the current fiscal year, with continued strong emphasis on heavy bombers.

This was the first disclosure of the Air Force procurement programme for the fiscal year which ends on June 30.

The Navy said last week its plane procurement programme for the current year would probably cost about \$500,000,000 and involve some 700 planes.

The Air Force figures indicated continued heavy emphasis on the Consolidated Vultee B-36 super-bomber and the beginning of a major buying programme for the Boeing B-47 six-jet bomber that flies more than 600 miles per hour.

President Truman requested \$1,350,000,000 for new Air Force and Navy planes in the fiscal year 1951 but the Joint Chiefs of Staff were believed to be about ready to recommend at least a \$500,000,000 increase in the amount. — United Press.

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"ECONOMIST" SAYS:

AMERICA READY TO RECOGNISE PEKING ON CONDITIONS

"The Economist" today suggested that the United States would be ready to recognise Communist China and accept its representatives in the United Nations if the new regime adopted certain minimum standards of international behaviour.

"The Economist" named minimum standards as only if these Chinese attempt no adventures in South East Asia and if they are ready to trade on the basis of mutual respect.

PEKING "PEACE" CAMPAIGN

San Francisco, April 16. One of the Communists' chief propagandists declared today that the "American plot to turn China into an anti-Soviet base" has been defeated and at the same time attacked the British and Dutch Governments' obstruction of peace."

Liu Ning-yi, Vice-President of the All-China Federation of Labour, made the remarks in a special article published in the "Peking People's Daily News" and broadcast by Peking Radio.

The article helped to inaugurate a new "peace page" which will be published once monthly devoted furthering world peace.

Liu said that two world conferences which were convened in Peking a few months ago—Asian-Australasian Trade Union conference and the Asian Women's Conference—will be of great significance in furthering the development of the national liberation movement throughout the East and will also serve as a more powerful guarantee to the world peace movement."

He said that despite American, British and Dutch machinations the "two great peoples of China and the Soviet Union 700,000,000 strong are sincerely united and co-operating."—United Press.

Commenting on Mr. Dean Acheson's Berkeley speech and the appointment of Mr. John Foster Dulles as an adviser, the periodical said this of American policy in Asia:

"The policy is based upon three principles of which the first determines the rest.

"It is quite simply that a vast revolution is in progress among the peoples of Asia whose aim is to secure national independence and economic and social advance. Both these aims are entirely consistent with the designs of American policy and both in their genuine forms can count upon American interest and support."

"Mr. Acheson clearly does not shirk more radical aspects of this vast revolution. He supports the Asian people not only in their desire for independence but also in more controversial aims, such as better education and more widespread ownership of land.

One exception

"To this general principle there is one exception. The Chinese revolution has been aided by the Communists in a blind alley of Soviet domination. The American aim is therefore modified."

"The Economist" commented that with the one exception of Soviet domination, the United States supports the new Asian States wholeheartedly in their desire for independence.

The periodical listed the remaining two principles of American policy in Asia:

British experiment in Europeanisation of former enemies

Beaconsfield, April 17. In a small temporary village of clean, bleak Quonset huts, like similar war-bred villages all over the western world, an experiment in Europeanisation has gone on since 1945.

It is Wilton Park, a British Foreign Office centre conducted in German, which brings Germans to "neutral ground." The "members," relaxed from the tensions of life in Germany, attend seminars and discussions designed to help them understand other Germans and other Europeans.

Dr. Hans Koeppler, German-born Oxford-bred scholar, who runs Wilton Park, describes the centre as a cleansing process.

"It lets the German get out of himself for a few weeks," he said. "He realises that the rest of the world is willing to give him an even break, that he will neither be discriminated against nor babied."

Most Germans feel isolated, feel that Germany is a world by itself, for good or evil. We want to give them a feeling of being part of Europe, with all its privileges and responsibilities."

Representative groups

Dr. Koeppler tries to get Germans from as widely spread groups as possible. A recent four week group of about 60 contained a few students, several trade unionists, teachers, housewives, and Government officials.

There are few business or professional men, because they find it difficult to leave their work for such a long period. The aim is to recruit, through German municipalities and British occupation authorities, any German likely to wield political influence.

"What for—to make good Englishmen out of us?" many suspicious candidates ask.

Dr. Koeppler and his staff of tutors say that Wilton Park's only goal is to make the members of the centre good Europeans.

"Lecture with discussion," is the Wilton Park system in a nutshell. Members of the

Free to speak

"It's wonderful," said a young blonde office worker, "to be able to sit so calmly across the table from professors and labourers and talk about things that matter to all of us. We never could in Germany."

One or two days a week small groups of the members visit British institutions of particular interest to them. Eight or ten public servants inspected the Beaconsfield housing estate one day, while a group engineers toured a factory and anyone who was interested might go through Radio House, home of the BBC.

During its sessions, many Wilton Park members visit Parliament and the leading parties' headquarters.

Dr. Koeppler has no illusions that Wilton Park, or a 100 Wilton Parks spread over Europe—which he would like to see—will prevent a third world war.

"But what is your alternative?" he asked squarely, "I see the world heading down the same path of polarisation which it travelled before 1939, and I intend to do whatever I can to stop it."

After the first four years, the results are beginning to show. Seventeen Wilton Park clubs have been formed in Germany of "alumni," who try to keep alive the spirit of active discussion and responsible action upon public issues.—United Press.

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THE CHINA MAIL, TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 1950.

Preparing the way



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1.—The United States will be ready to adapt its assistance to accord most fully with local needs.

UN framework

2.—"The development of Asia's economic and social resources should be assisted by the free nations, working in concert, offering not only economic aid but also their technical and administrative resources and fitting their programme into the larger framework of the United Nations."

"The Economist" continued: "This, then, is the ground plan of an American policy for Asia upon which a bipartisan edifice may now be built."

"A bipartisan policy for Asia sets a pattern not only for the United States, but for the rest of the free nations. They in turn, must consider the new lead they are being given and assess its strength and weakness"—Associated Press.

Spy charge by Bucharest

Bucharest, April 16. An influential Bucharest newspaper today accused the former head of the United States Information Service in Bucharest and certain officials of the USIS of espionage.

The Government organ "Univers" made the charge in comment on the Romanian answer to the American protest against the recent closing-down of USIS in Bucharest. The newspaper charged, "A shadow was thrown upon the personal activities of certain officials of the Information Service, including its former head, Frank Shea, by the important part they played in espionage committed by traitors and conspirators convicted in recent trials held in our country."

It said the closure of USIS was "a measure favourable to international peace and co-operation because the entire activities of the office were conducted in a hostile spirit towards the Romanian people's republic."—United Press.

JAP CHINAWARE INDUSTRY

Tokyo, April 16. Japan's chinaware industry, hard hit by closed Asiatic continental markets as a result of the war, can survive only by increasing shipments to the United States and Canada, according to Ippei Yano, a director of Japan's Foreign Trade Association.

Mr. Yano pointed out that continental markets, such as Manchuria and China, which constituted the second largest outlet—next only to the United States—for Japan's chinaware, will not be reopened on a pre-war scale for some time.—United Press.

Before leaving for Moscow today, Mr. Pleck said German unity could be re-established through an all-German plebiscite, conclusion of a democratic peace treaty and withdrawal of the occupation troops.

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Five hundred English Catholic Girl Guides were in the audience.

Other nationalities represented included Italian, German, Spanish, Portuguese, Brazilian and French.

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Four thousand pilgrims from the Italian city of Viterbo, including all municipal officials, also attended the audience.

The Pope was carried through the throng on his portable throne and later pronounced his blessings in six languages—English, French, Spanish, Portuguese and Italian.—Associated Press.

Behler, and the Minister for All-German Affairs, Jacob Kaiser.

His arrival touched off new speculation that Berlin might be admitted to the Bonn Republic as the 12th State. This feeling persists in some responsible political quarters despite official denial from the British Foreign Office of any change in Allied policy.

Dr. Adenauer made it clear on his arrival that his trip is also intended to tighten ties between the Western sectors of Berlin and the Federal Republic, even though West Berlin is not part of the Republic. He said at the airport, "I feel as much at home in Berlin as in my town in the West German Federal Republic."

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Suspected smallpox in British ship

Liverpool, April 16. A five-year-old British boy, suffering from suspected smallpox, was taken to hospital from the 11,157-ton British liner Cilia when she docked here from Bombay today.

The Cilia had called at Karachi and at Aden. Passengers from the liner will be kept under observation. Medical officers in the various parts of Britain to which they are travelling have been notified. They number 300.

In another of Britain's major ports—Glasgow—six people died recently during a smallpox outbreak. The outbreak sent nearly 4,000,000 people into vaccination queues and brought into force stringent precautions to keep the disease under control.

The West of Scotland area, in which Glasgow lies, is expected to be declared free of smallpox this weekend.—Reuter.

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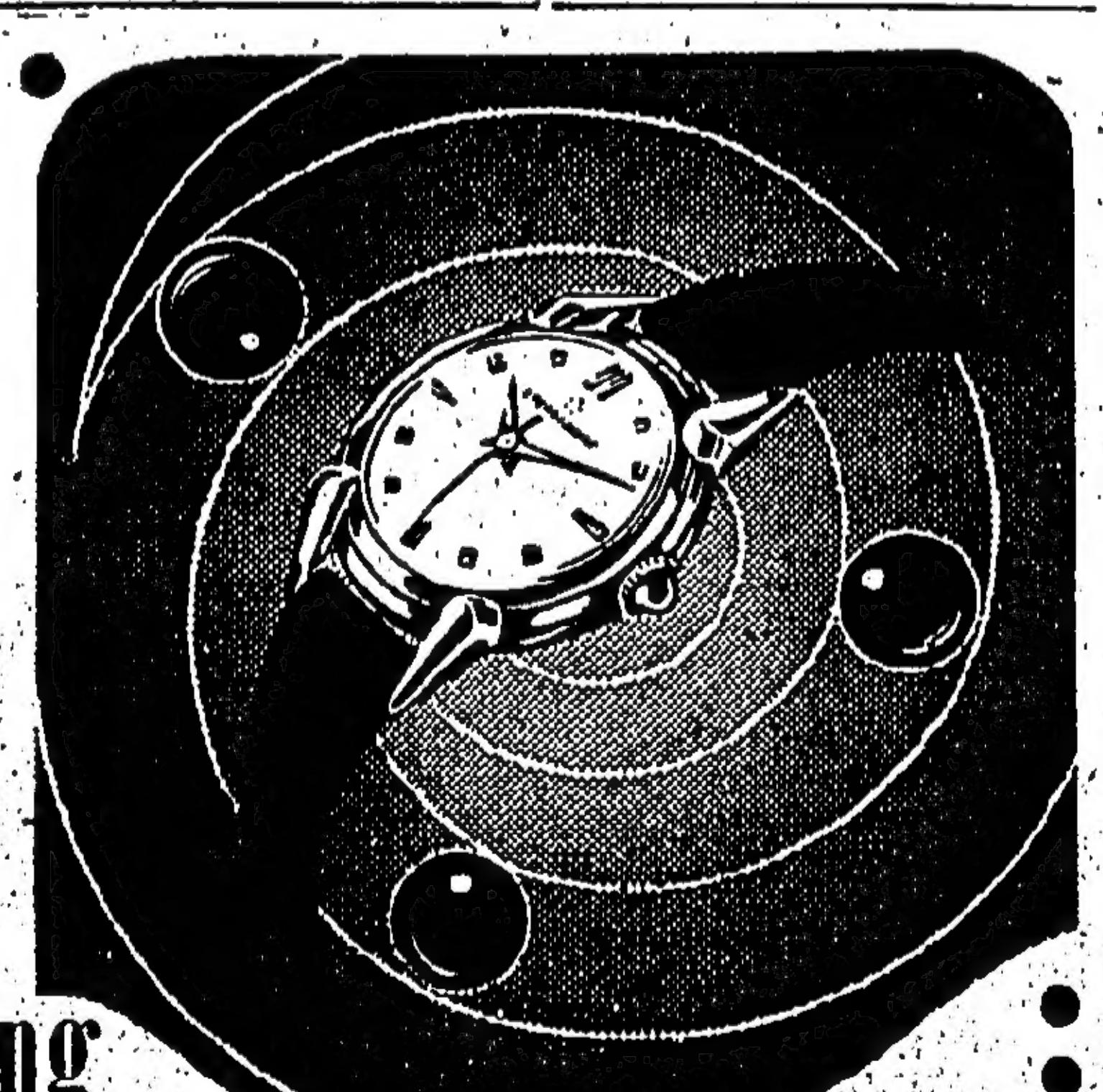
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ASIA-PACIFIC UNION
NOW NEARER REALITY

The Philippines has been trying for a year to work up enthusiasm for a political, economic and cultural organisation of Asian and Pacific countries. The project now seems to be nearing fruition. A Philippines Foreign Office spokesman said a meeting of interested nations to form such a union has tentatively been fixed for late April or early May at Baguio, Northern Luzon.

BRITISH
NEWSMEN
ATTACKED

Trieste, April 16. Twenty Italian journalists tonight drove in procession out of the Yugoslav zone of Trieste in protest against alleged attacks on visiting journalists during today's elections.

One Italian journalist was reported to have been injured by a pen-knife, and three Italians and two British journalists were said to have had their cars damaged by stone-throwers.

Slaves and Italians went to the polls today in an orderly fashion to elect new district authorities for the Yugoslav zone of Trieste.

More than half of the 41,000 electors had registered their votes by midday.

This 200-square-mile, barren stretch of Adriatic coastline, with a mixed Italian and Slav population, is at present in the limelight as a bone of contention between Italy and Marshal Tito.

But the future of the zone was not an issue in these local elections.

The Indo-Slovene Front, dominated by Yugoslav Communists put up candidates for each of the 202 seats.

Two Opposition parties—the Socialists, who want Trieste to remain a free territory, and the Christian Socialists, who wish to return to Italy—put forward nine and six candidates respectively.

Two Socialists withdrew during the voting. Party official alleging irregularities.

Nearly 30 Italian and foreign journalists were allowed to inspect the polling everywhere in the zone.

Opponents of Marshal Tito's People's Front did not complain of today's actual election technique, but claimed that the elections were not really free.

The small number of people registered to vote at polling stations—fewer than 200 in some cases—made it easier, it was claimed, to guess the identity of those who voted against the Front and many feared reprisals.—Reuter.

India and Pakistan are still question marks. No one here knows what the Indian Premier, Jawaharlal Nehru, will decide about joining the union.

South Korea and Nationalist China are, of course, anxious for a military alliance against Communism. They have not been ruled out of the union plan, but they would probably get a cold shoulder in any effort to make it an armed pact.

Japan is out of the union, at least until a peace treaty is signed.

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TRUMAN
SCHEME
WARNING

Philadelphia, April 16. Dr. Alan Valentine, President of the University of Rochester, warned yesterday that President Truman's Point Four programme will become a major failure in American diplomacy unless it soon becomes a working reality.

Dr. Valentine told the annual meeting of the American Academy of Political and Social Sciences that delays between proposal and performance in the Point Four programme have brought great disappointments and even dangers.

The Truman proposal raised excessive hope. In countries to be aided their ignorance gave them no realistic understanding of the slowness and difficulties of economic progress. Impatience and disappointment has led toward cynicism about American promises.

Dr. Valentine said the next step should be an official statement of American policy and procedure under Point Four. He added, however, that such statement must be sufficiently detailed to answer questions of procedure still under debate.—United Press.

Idea Changes

General Romulo hastened from New York to Manila a few days later to be the "architect" of the proposed union. The political complexion of the idea began to change quickly. The aggressive union became "non-Communist" instead of "anti-Communist," and Chiang was dropped as an active partner.

Mr. Quirino is now more determined than ever to have his plan succeed, but he is emphatic that no military action against Communism is contemplated in the union plan. The Philippines, he says, is against Communism but is minding her own business.

The United States at first gave no encouragement to the union suggestion. In recent weeks, however, the U. S. State Department has gone out of its way to encourage formation of such an organisation, stipulating that the inspiration for it must come from the countries of the Far East.

Counties regarded as definitely interested in a "union of democratic countries in the Far East," as Mr. Quirino now calls it, are Indonesia, Thailand and the Philippines.

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Meanwhile Ko Sing had discovered that someone had taken the pigs, which he had paid for, and the Police were informed. Inquiries at the various lanes led to the arrest of the defendant when he returned to the Hang Lee Lane to receive the remainder of the money.

The defendant, at a previous hearing pleaded not guilty saying that he had been sent by a man to collect the money. Yesterday he changed his plea to guilty and asked for leniency.

For snatching a handbag from a woman, Wong Sun, aged 19, was sentenced to six months hard labour by Mr. J. Reynolds at Central yesterday. Defendant was also ordered to receive six strokes of the cane.

Consequently, he then went himself to look for them.

He found one friend.

He said: "I'm very hungry."

"Please give me some food."

But, his friend said:

"I beg your pardon!"

"I've already had my meal."

"Why didn't you come earlier?"

Air Force's
training of
conscripts

London, April 16. Conscripts called up for the Royal Air Force may now be able to train as pilots, aircrew engineers or gunners during their compulsory 18 months in uniform.

The Air Ministry today announced special training facilities for 200 conscript engineers and 220 gunners in addition to the 300 now trained as pilots each year.

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CHINA PEANUTS
FOR AMERICA

Washington, April 17. The Agriculture Department has agreed to hold up at least until next week an order which would permit the import of peanuts from Communist China, Representative Cooley, North Carolina Democrat, said today.

Mr. Cooley, Chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, said in a statement that the Department plan will remove peanuts from import controls and permit the entry of nuts from China.

Peanuts are under price support and marketing quota laws. Their production has been reduced about 10 per cent in the past two years. Peanuts and other oil-bearing materials have been under import controls and importation has been varied several years.

Mr. Cooley estimated China's peanut production at about three times this country's. There are import applications on oil for more than 100,000 tons—Associated Press.



AMERICAN BUSINESS A PICTURE OF VITALITY

Hong Kong Stock Exchange

The Market continues quiet with very little doing.

H.K. GOVT. LOANS
4% Loans 99m.
H.K. Govt. (1924 & 1940) 98m.
3 1/2% Loans (1948) 98m. 98 1/2m.

BANKS
H.K. & S. Bank 180m.
(Lan. Bres.) 250m.
Chartered Bank £75,000.

Mercantile Bank A. & B. £25m.

Bank of East Asia 100m.

INSURANCES
Canton Ins. 318m.

Union Ins. 300m. 800m. 97 1/2m.

China Underwriters 90m.

H.K. Fire Ins. 20m.

Douglas 200m.

H.K. & M. Shareholders 15m.

Indo-China (Pref.) 89 1/2m.

(Def.) 200m.

Shells (Hk) 65 1/2m.

Union Waterboat 25m.

Aiai Nav. 70m. 70m.

DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, Etc.

H.K. K. 100m. 91m. 90m.

Wharf Wharves 60m.

Shanghai Wharves 10m.

H.K. Docks 12 1/2m.

China Provinces 10m.

Shanghai Dockyards 90m.

Wheelocks 27m.

MINING
Raub Mine 4,700m.

H.K. Mine 6,015m.

LANDS, HOTELS & BLDGS.
H.K. & S. Hotel 200m.

H.K. Hotel 43 1/2m.

Shanghai Hotel 1,000m.

Timbuktu 60m.

H.K. Realts. 10m.

Chinese Fauna 124m.

PUBLIC UTILITIES
H.K. Tramways 18,000m.

Peak Trans. (OM) 18m.

" (New) 25m.

Star Ferries 10m. 10m.

C. Light & Power 10m.

" 10m.

H.K. Electric 20m.

Macau Electric 20m.

Sandakan Light 10m.

Telephones 10m.

Shanghai Gas 124m.

INDUSTRIALS
Caid, Mack. (Ord.) 25m.

Canton Iron 32m.

Cement, Eng. 11,000m.

H.K. Indus. 10m.

STORES, Etc.

Dairy Farms 58 1/2m.

Watson Ex. Rials 26, 25 1/2m., 24 1/2m.

L. Crawford 22 1/2m.

Sincere 5 1/2m.

China Emporium 93 1/2m.

Sun Co. Ltd. 2,000m.

Kwong Sang Jeng 97m.

Wing & Sons 100m.

Wing Pow 100m. 100m.

China Exporters 100m.

H.K. Cosmetics 100m.

Wing Yip 11m.

Marsman Investments 10m.

Marsman (H.K.) 10m.

Shanghai Loan 130m.

Yangtze 150m.

COTTONS
Ewos 2,000m.

ALUMINUM, Etc. COMPANIES

Alum. Estate 18 1/2m.

Anglo-Dutch 30m.

Anglo-Java 10m.

Java Alum 10m.

Bute Plantations 60m.

Chem. United 60m.

Chen Rubber 10m.

Consolidated Rubbers 2,100m.

Dominion Rubbers 1,800m.

Kola Rubber 100m.

Kwong Keng 100m.

Lampak 10m.

Repah Rubbers 10m.

Rubber Trust 10m.

Samaras Rubbers 10m.

Seimabu Rubbers 10m.

Shanghai Kedah 140m.

Shanghai-Malay 10m.

Shanghai Yangtze 100m.

Shanghai Sunsites 100m.

Singapore 100m.

Sungai Dapis 10m.

Tanah Merah 100m.

Tebong Rubbers 10m.

Zhangke Rubbers 10m.

GOOD OUTLOOK

All available evidence points

to an even larger number of

starts in these early weeks of

April, placing the industry in

an excellent position to chalk

up another new high peak in

the second quarter.

Modest declines from the previous week were reported for freight carloadings, soft coal output, paper production, electric power output and lumber shipments. Business failures were a trifle higher.

There was another decline in business loans. A drop of \$1,000,000 carried the total outstanding to \$13,721,000,000, lowest since last November and a decline of nearly \$1 billion dollars from the amount outstanding at this time a year ago.

Bankers have an assortment of

reasons for the decline in loans but more often than not it hinges on the overall de-

cline in business activity.

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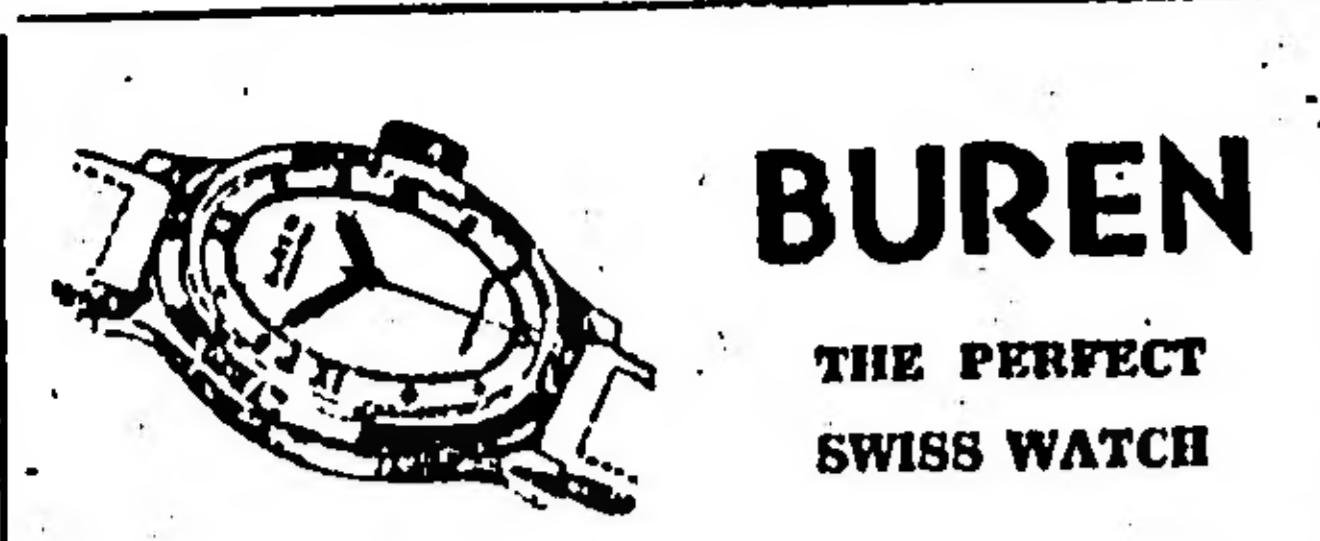
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Industrial building projects cleared this week were somewhat under the big total of the previous week but were higher than a year ago.

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CHINA MAIL

HONG KONG, TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 1950.

IP BEATS PAKISTAN ACE IN 'RETURN' MATCH

(By "ARGONAUT")

Ip Koon-hung, the Colony tennis singles champion, squared accounts with Pakistan's No. 1 Davis Cupper, I. Ahmed at the Chinese Recreation Club yesterday, beating his erstwhile conqueror, 9-7 and 6-4.

In a one-set match, S. M. Alam, the other Pakistani Davis Cup representative edged out Tsui Yun-pui by 6-4, after the latter had led by 3-1.

The Doubles match between Ip and Edwin Tsui on one side and Ahmed and Tsui Yun-pui on the other was called off at 3-3, when a downpour made further play impossible.

In spite of overhanging clouds that were threatening to burst any time, a fairly good crowd turned out for yesterday's series of exhibition games. The main attraction, of course, was the return singles encounter between Ip Koon-hung and I. Ahmed. In a previous game, played at the Cricket Club grass court, Ip was beaten 6-8 and 3-6.

Showing improved counterplay, the local champion avenged his previous defeat with a two-set win, after nearly an hour's grueling struggle.

In turnus to Ahmed, it was conspicuously noticeable that with his heavier build, he was greatly handicapped by the wet condition of the court. Inability to get the proper balance, forced him to net or overhit his shots on many occasions. He was visibly tired, affected perhaps by the strenuous programme he had been undergoing.

To give Ip, however, his proper due, it must be admitted he was playing much better than he did in the first match. Yesterday saw him put over some deep backhand cross-court cuts, although his similar strokes on the forehand probably still need a little more depth.

Shots find mark

His short-length side-line passing shots invariably found their mark, out of Ahmed's reach, or forcing him to return with defensive half-volleys. A tactic, however, which paid off highest dividends yesterday were his services to Ahmed's backhand, which not only prevented Ahmed from employing his devastating forehand drives to the services, but also forced him into repeated errors.

The opening game on Ip's service went to Ahmed—after three deuces. Two good services, a deep backhand cross drive, and a drop volley gave Ahmed a love service game, and to a lead of 2-0. Ip then served again, to a deuce more, before Ahmed netted a backhand cross from Ip and hit out Ip's service to his backhand.

Ahmed held his service on the fourth game and so did Ip in the fifth. Four backhand errors on Ahmed's part, allowed Ip to break through his service on the sixth game and even the score 3-3.

Ip then forged ahead to 4-3 after a deuce game as Ahmed hit wide a backhand sideline drive and netted a forehand drive after deuce was called. Each then held his service until 6-7 when Ahmed, after serving an ace, relapsed into four successive errors to give Ip the first set.

Second set

The second set started in a slight drizzle, with Ip serving forcefully to a love game.

Two long deuce games followed, followed each going to the server. Ahmed, with delightful

SIDWELL WINS IN ROME

Rome, April 16.

Australia's Bill Sidwell was the only seeded player engaged today when the Italian International Lawn Tennis Championships opened here today. He beat Manuel Buaykela (Spain) 6-1 and 6-0.

Sidwell is seeded No. 3 behind Jaroslav Drobny, the self-exiled Czech, and Billy Talbert, of the United States.—Reuter.

WIGHTMAN CUP TEAM PICKED

New York, April 16.

Louis Brough, Mrs. Margaret Du Pont, Doris Hart and Mrs. Patricia Todd have been selected as the American team to defend the Wightman Cup at Wimbledon on June 16 and 17. The Wightman Cup Committee of the United States Lawn Tennis Association announced today. — Associated Press.

KEENSEN CO.

China Building

GRAND OPENING

18th April, 1950

After Renovation and Extension.

Our Department Store is now redecorated on the most up-to-date model for operation on an expanded scale, with the best facilities introduced, for the convenience and comfort of our buyers. Increasingly popular and enthusiastic supporters. To commemorate this event and mark it as another milestone in our progress, a Grand Opening will be held.

TODAY at 12.00 NOON

All patrons and friends are cordially invited and special sales are in progress to celebrate this happy occasion.

Hunt Club's last outing

The Hunt Club have had many a good hunt this season but I think all those who took part in the chase last Sunday will agree that this was the best! and we are most grateful to Mrs. Gaynor for the immense amount of time and trouble she devoted to the laying of such an excellent line and also to Mrs. J. B. Gardiner who arose at an early hour to help her.

Most of the keen riders and regular followers were assembled at the meet in the Hunt Stable paddock at 11.30 a.m. The 23rd Field Regiment RA contingent, their horses looking a picture of fitness, comprised Major W.C. Worley, Capt. Buckley, Lt. Walker, Capt. Ursler, Lt. Col. H. Reynolds, the latter this time in command of an unbroken, had a "rope" and to his credit right well did they display themselves over the now too easy terrain for the uninitiated. The RAVC, equally well mounted, included Staff Sgt. Hall, Sgt. Major H. Hill, Sgt. Hall, Cpl. Parker and Cpl. Leckland. From the Marine Commandos was Major H. H. Kelly made a great participant. Capt. Alan Nisal represented the 23rd Field Regiment RA and of no little interest were the remainder of the Hunt Club ponies looking in remarkable good trim after a full season's hunting and hacking; with Huntman "Buffy" Maitland up on "Aliss", Mrs. Ferrier (Bunni), Mr. J. J. Jones, Mrs. J. E. (Ike), Mr. Grieve (Silver Wind), Mrs. Hanke (Rustylette) and Mrs. Cayford (Ike). In all, there have covered a good 16 miles.

Mr. O'Neill's presence would have completed the friendly gathering, but I understand he was unable to give the Doctor the slip.

A few pounds of apricots from Mr. Zyrionoff's caravan patch were served to the ponies by the Jockey Club and children before the field moved off and went on to pass the other side of Long River. The field then up the Tien Shan along through Tien Hill Gap and a precipitous path brought us down to the grasslands of High Hill, where a better bit of galloping could not be wished for and we cracked along with abandon up to the first check. On nice grass going the line brought us to the Southern end of the Cheviot range and so on an incline down to Vinal's Meadow, trailing along with the glorious views of Laffan and China "over one hand and Sham Chun and China 'over the other', the one felt on top of and at peace with the world. From the second check we trekked Pine Tree slope and here it was a treat to watch Buffy Maitland, the little lady pony, her way through the little lady pony, her way through the country, a lesson indeed in telepathy. The pupils to see, things in Telegraph were entered, half a mile to weave our way through the cultivated areas to the start of "The Gollons". A final breath and the field were off at merry pace over the last stretch to Kitten Hill to put in a racing finish near San Wei. "Gumnut Major" was first there "by a whisker" with three or four others well up on the card.

With the advancement of the crops and the warm weather now upon us, this, the all-weather hunt will be the last hunt of the season—but a very enjoyable and fitting finale it was.

FANLING GOLF

Three competitors returned with 1 up on Bogey for the Prize Competition at Fanling on Sunday.

They also tied with 1 up for the last nine holes.

R. C. Gardner (13) who was 2 up over the last six holes, was the winner. H. R. Cleland (10) and J. Markham (8) were the two other competitors who were also 1 up on bogey in the competition.

As a result of the play-off W. E. Grieve qualified for the Captain's Cup in April.

The England vs. Scotland match will be played on April 30. Singles in the morning and four balls or foursomes in the afternoon.

Members may indicate partners and opponents and matches will be arranged accordingly as far as is possible. Individual losers to pay for lifts on results of singles.

Members may enter names on list at Fanling or submit names to Club office and indicate how they wish matches arranged. Entries close on April 24.

KOREAN TEAM ENTERTAINED

The visiting Korean soccer team was entertained last night by the KU Chee and Kwong Wah Athletic Association at the Yan Yan Restaurant.

Mr. Joe Kui-nam, Honorary co-President of KU Chee and Kwong Wah AA, was one of the hosts who received the Korean soccer players at the restaurant.

Also invited to attend the dinner were some of the officials of the Hong Kong Football Association.

Atlanta, Georgia, April 16. Stroke-hoarding Jimmy Demaret had a US\$2,000 star in his week-old Masters crown today by winning the \$10,000 North Fulton Open with a five-under par 66 for a 270 tournament total.

Finally, Jim, wearing pink trousers, took charge of the field yesterday, with a course record of 64; he rode home today, win an equally hot round that road out fast-coming Sam Snead.

Snead had a four-under par 67 for a tournament total of 274.

Demaret's win gave the third-time holder of the August Masters crown a money-earning total of \$132,162 for the season.

His prior ran total was \$6,000. For the Masters he won \$15,400 and the Masters in the US Open \$10,000.

HONG KONG XI



The Hong Kong Soccer XI which lost to the Koreans by six goals to three at Happy Valley on Saturday, together with Mr. W. Caffrey (holding ball), who acted as referee, and Messrs. J. F. Ennis, A. E. P. Guest and C. K. Woo.—("China Mail" Photo).

U.S. major league baseball season starting today

New York, April 16. The 1950 major league baseball season opens on Tuesday, and if pre-season dope is right, the New York and Brooklyn clubs are going to have their hands full defending their 1949 laurels.

All of which, according to the baseball bigwigs, adds up to one of the most exciting, most productive and most attended campaigns of them all.

It takes a real optimist to visualise a pair of pennant races as close as those of last year when the Yankees and Dodgers did not win until the final day. However, in contrast to the two-team struggles of 1949, at least eight clubs—four in each league—are given better than an outside chance of winning the championship.

Brooklyn remains the favourite to repeat in the National League, but St. Louis, Boston and Philadelphia have plenty of backers. Over

in the American, the world champion Yankees rate no better than second choice in the wagering to the Boston Red Sox, with Detroit and Cleveland also well liked. Some are even so bold as to predict a flag for 87-year-old Connie Mack and his Philadelphia Athletics.

Most of the fan interest will be focused at Fenway Park where the Yankees and Red Sox pick up where they left off last year.

The important four game set may give an inkling whether the high-powered Red Sox are going to get away from the barrier fast in contrast to other teams.

Righthander Allie Reynolds will open for the Yankees. He will be opposed by Left-hander Mel Parnell.

Each contender may start with one of his mainslays missing from the lineup. First baseman Tommy Henrich of the Yankees is hobbed by a wrenched left knee and catcher Birdie Tebbetts of the Red Sox is nursing a split finger.

The Dodgers

Another reminder of the final day of the 1949 pennant struggles is the Dodger-Phillies engagement at Shibe Park. Don Newcombe and Ken Heintzelman, opposing pitchers then, will face each other, barring injury. Both pitchers failed to get past the fifth inning that day.

The Brooks will field the same team that won the flag except for Rookie Bobby Morgan at third base.

Mike Collins, a part-time performer last year, is the regular second baseman of the Phils.

Ed Waitkus is back at first base with Dick Sisler switching to left field.

Ken interest also will focus at the Polo Grounds where the New York Giants and Boston Braves tangle. The Braves will present outfields Sid Gordon and Willard Marshall and shortstop Buddy Kerr in the starting line-up. Johnny Sain and Larry Jansen, two 1949 disappointments, will be the opposing pitchers.

The exhibition games

Exhibition baseball results.

Chicago, National: 7; Chicago, American: 2; Chicago, American: 2; Brooklyn, National: 2; Philadelphia, American: 2; Cleveland, American: 2; New York, National: 1; Louisville, American: 1; Pittsburgh, National: 1; St. Louis, National: 1; St. Louis, American: 1; Cincinnati, National: 1; Indianapolis, American: 1.

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